
AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY 2006 – 2008

Baltimore County, Maryland



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This report summarizes demographic data from the 2006-2008 American Community Survey (ACS) for Baltimore County. This 3-year average provides more reliable data on an area's demographic characteristics and trends due to a larger rollover sample size. ACS is an annual demographic survey developed by the U.S. Census Bureau to provide general, social, economic, and housing characteristics at various geographic levels throughout the nation. ACS is to replace the long form, a one-time survey taken every 10 years.

Data users must exercise caution while comparing ACS data with those in a decennial census, due to sampling methods or other reasons. Also, in 2006, it was the first time when ACS included group quarters population who resides in correctional facilities, nursing homes, mental hospitals, college dormitories, military barracks, group homes, or shelters.

PULATION BY SEX AND AGE

Total population	785,549
Male	373,451
Female	412,098

Under 5 years	47,445
5-17 years	128,888
18-24 years	76,821
25-44 years	210,214
45-64 years	208,978
65 years or over	113,203
% of total population	14.4%
Median age (years)	38.8

RACE AND ETHNICITY

One race:	774,020
White	536,891
Black or African American	192,775
American Indian/Alaska Native	1,837
Asian	33,140
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	283
Some other race	9,094
Two or more races:	11,529
Hispanic or Latino:	23,318
Not Hispanic or Latino:	762,231
White alone	524,118

HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE

Total households	310,734
Family households:	198,383
Married couple families	144,520
With own children < 18 years	59,053
Other families	53,863
With own children < 18 years	30,416
Non-family households:	112,351
Householder living alone	91,973
65 years or over	34,489

HOUSING TENURE

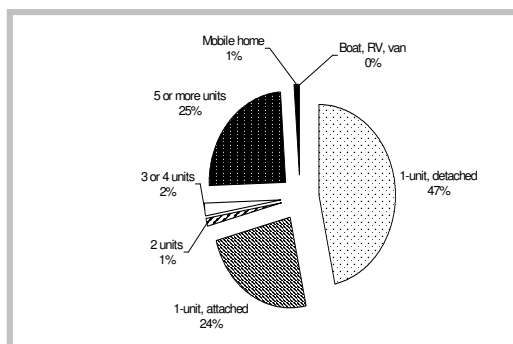
Total housing units	327,271
Occupied units:	310,734
Owner-occupied	208,534
Homeownership rate	67.1%
Vacancy rate	1.0%
Renter-occupied	102,200
Vacancy rate	5.5%
Total vacant units:	16,537
Vacancy rate	5.1%

HOUSEHOLD SIZE BY TENURE

Owner-occupied units	2.6
Renter-occupied units	2.2

HOUSING TYPES

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HOUSING PRICES

Median home value (\$)	271,500
Median gross rent (\$)	999

Percent households spending 30% or more on housing expenses:

Owner-occupied	29.1%
Renter-occupied	51.2%

YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT

Built since 2000	25,082
Built 1990 to 1999	45,874
Built 1980 to 1989	46,032
Built 1970 to 1979	46,882
Built 1960 to 1969	41,793
Built 1950 to 1959	65,578
Built 1949 or earlier	56,030

OCCUPANTS PER ROOM

1.00 or less	306,701
1.01 to 1.50	2,942
1.51 or more	1,091

Occupants per room between 1.01 and 1.5: generally overcrowded housing conditions; Occupants per room greater than 1.5: severely overcrowded housing conditions (The Practice of Local Government Planning, 3rd Edition, ICMA, 2000).

VEHICLES AVAILABLE (HOUSEHOLDS)

No vehicles available	23,124
% of total occupied units	7.6%
1 vehicle available	111,053
2 vehicles available	119,017
3 or more vehicles available	57,540

HEATING FUEL (HOUSEHOLDS)

Utility gas	167,382
Electricity	97,718
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	36,058
Other fuels	8,999
No fuel used	577

PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP

Native U.S. Citizens:	712,471
Born in Maryland	517,813
Born in other states in U.S.	187,777
Born in other U.S. Territory	6,881
Foreign born:	73,078
Naturalized U.S. citizen	34,228
Not a U.S. citizen	38,850

ORIGINS OF THE FOREIGN-BORN

Foreign-born population:	73,078
Asia	28,433
Latin America	17,720
Europe	15,501
Africa	10,082
Northern America	1,181
Oceania	161

ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH

Population 5 years or over:	738,104
Speak only English:	654,362

Speak non-English Languages:	83,742
Speak English very well	15,200
Speak English not very well	68,542
% of non-English speakers	81.9%

MAJOR ANCESTRAY

Total population:	786,547
German	171,893
Irish	119,172
English	72,289
Italian	59,102

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over:	532,395
Less than 9th grade	19,408
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	41,336
High school graduate/equivalent	149,289
Some colleges (no degrees)	139,134
Bachelor's or higher	183,228
% High school or higher	88.6%
% Bachelor's or higher	34.4%

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Population 16 years or over:	632,422
In labor force:	429,989
Armed forces	778
Civilian	429,211
Employed	408,456
Unemployed	20,755
Unemployment rate	4.8%
Not in labor force:	202,433

Labor force status by family type:

Own children under 6 years:	54,681
All parents in labor force	39,129
% of own children under 6:	69.6%
Own children 6 to 17 years	110,835
All parents in labor force	84,596
% of own children 6-17:	76.3%

OCCUPATION (CIVILIAN)

Civilian employed population	
16 years or over:	408,456
% Occupation of the civilian employed:	
Management, professional	41.1%
Services	14.8%
Sales and office	26.8%
Farming, fishing, and forestry	0.1%
Construction, extraction	8.2%
Production, transportation	8.8%

CLASS OF WORKER (CIVILIAN)

Civilian employed population	
16 years or over:	408,456
Private wage and salary workers	317,150
Government workers	72,177
Self-employed workers	18,601
Unpaid family workers	528

INCOME AND POVERTY

Median household income:	\$63,043
Median family income:	\$77,368
Median non-family income:	\$41,068
Per capita income	\$33,336

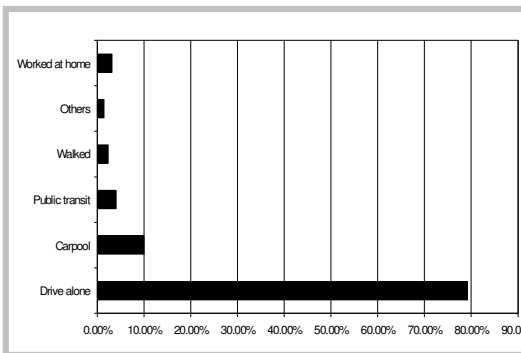
Percent families in poverty:	5.3%
With children under 18 years	8.1%
With children under 5 years only	7.4%

Married couple families	2.3%
With children under 18 years	2.8%
With children under 5 years	1.9%

Families with female householder	14.7%
With children under 18 years	19.7%
With children under 5 years	22.9%

COMMUTING TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	397,596
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Mean travel time to work (minutes): 27.6

DISABILITY STATUS

Civilian non-institutionalized population	
5 years or over:	(X)
With a disability	(X)
% of total 5 years and over	(X)
5 to 15 years:	(X)
With a disability	(X)
16 to 64 years:	(X)
With a disability	(X)
65 years or over:	(X)
With a disability	(X)
(X): Neither applicable nor available.	

Prudence about Using ACS Data

Using ACS data requires principal knowledge in planning and statistics. Each year, the Census Bureau selects geographic areas that meet ACS' population requirements. Under each category, data for some geographic area(s) cannot be displayed, due to the number of sample cases. Moreover, ACS provides data on the distribution of social and economic characteristics of people and housing, as well as measurements of *magnitude* and *direction* of changes among areas. For this reason, some statistical concepts such as the *margin of error* must be known while using ACS data. Visit the Office's Planning Statistics website for guidelines of using ACS data. In addition, the Census Bureau's annual population estimates are derived from a methodology different from what local jurisdictions may develop for their own figures. ■